TETHYS FIMBRIA.

Character Genericus.

Corpus liberum, oblongiusculum, carnosum, apodum.

Os proboscide terminali cylindrica sub labio explicato.

Foramina duo ad latus colli sinistrum.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 1089.

Character Specificus, &c.

TETHYS labro crenulato.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 1089.

FIMBRIA.

Bohadsch de an. marin. p. 54. t. 5.

Cum luculente adeo descripserit hoc animal celeberrimus Bohadsch in opere cui titulus *De Animalibus marinis* ut nulla opus sit emendatione, liceat mihi ipsius auctoris verba subjungere.

" Candore, excepto labii margine, undique nitet, et longitudine sex pollices assequitur. Labium in anteriore capitis parte membranæ fimbriatæ adinstar expansum non exiguo animalis ornamento est, quod latitudine quatuor pollices cum dimidio adæquat, longitudine,

gitudine vero tres pollices non excedit. Margo ejus utrinque crenatus est, et crassior reliqua labii portione, supra quam utrinque eminet, non secus ac fimbria aurea vel argentea pileo circumdata. Unde etiam aliud quid quam continuatio membranæ reliquam labii portionem constituentis esse videtur. Color marginis fimbriati ex nigro et luteo variegatus est, ita ut crenata ejus interior portio nigra sit, punctis nonnullis luteis notata, huic vero opposita et quoque crenata portio ex integro nigricans; pars intermedia aureo veluti colore splendet. Elegans hæc colorum varietas in eo duntaxat marginis latere observatur, quod prono animalis situi correspondet, in opposito enim latere totus margo nigro depictus est colore. Membrana reliquum labii corpus constituens ex fibris crassis candidis fere tendineis compacta est. Ad initium capitis ubi nimirum labium mox descriptum suam ducit originem, duo tentacula auriformia plana, lata, nullo sinu aut cavitate prædita, quatuor lineas larga et sex lineas longa exurgunt, quæ figura sua aures canis investigatorii non inepte referunt. Oculi nulli ad radicem horum tentaculorum, neque etiam in ulla alia capitis parte visibiles occurrunt; qui si adessent eos in corpore candidissimo saltem lente detegere impossibile non fuisset. Retro tentacula auriformia dorsum initium suum sumit; quod sensim gracilescens pyramidem seu conum præ se fert; longitudo ejus tres pollices, et sex lineas comprehendit, et basis unum pollicem duasque lineas in diametro adæquat. Latera dorsi duplici ordine appendicum carnearum candidarumque quæ partim conicam partim cylindricam formam

formam habent, exornata sunt. Maximæ ex his appendicibus quinque, minimæ duas lineas longæ sunt. Præter has variæ protuberantiæ in dorso observantur, ex quibus communiter una alterave appendix propullulat. Ad utrumque dorsi latus alia tubera majora collocantur, quæ abdominis, dorso multum amplioris, portiones sunt."

Circa oras maris Mediterranei præcipue conspicitur Tethys Fimbria.

THE

CRENULATED TETHYS.

Generic Character.

Body repent, oblong, fleshy, without feet.

Mouth a cylindrical proboscis beneath an expanded lip.

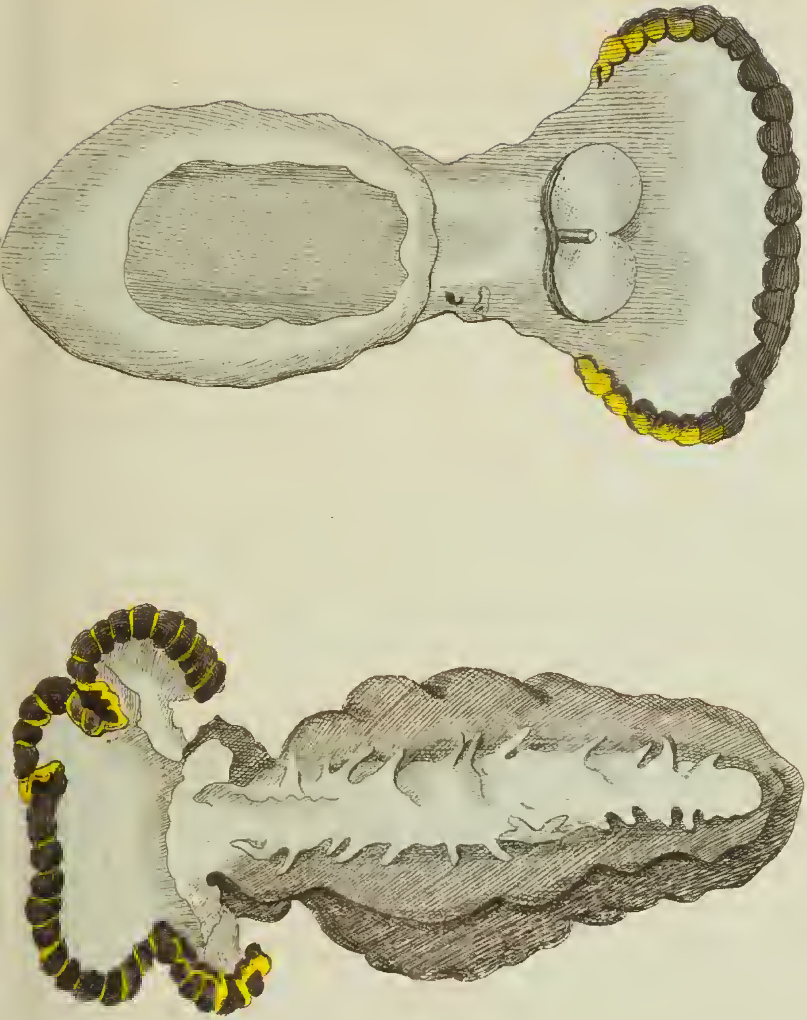
Foramina two, on the left side of the neck.

Specific Character, &c.

White TETHYS with blackish crenulated lip.
Fimbriated Tethys.

Black-edged TETHYS.

This animal has been so accurately described by the celebrated Bohadsch in his work de animalibus marinis that it is unnecessary to add any thing to what that author has written on the subject. Its colour, he informs us, is white on all parts except on the verge of the lip, and its length about six inches: the lip or expanded part in front of the head is about four inches and a half wide and about three inches long: the margin of this part is crenated on both sides, and is thicker than the other part of the lip, rising up on each side so as to resemble a kind of lace or edging round a hat, and appearing of a different



ferent nature from the rest of the lip: the colour of this fimbriated part or edge is variegated with black and yellow, which variegations are most conspicuous on the concave or under part: the membrane constituting the expanded part of the lip is composed of strong white and almost tendinous fibres: at the beginning of the head, where the lip commences, are two ear-shaped tentacula, broad, flat, without any cavity, about six lines in length and four in breadth; and bearing some resemblance to the ears of a hound: no appearance of eyes can be distinguished, even by the assistance of a glass: the back, which commences immediately beyond the tentacula, is of a pyramidal figure or gradually lessening to a point: its length is about three inches and a half, and its breadth at the base something more than one inch: on each side the back down its whole length runs a series of white, fleshy, conical protuberances, the largest of which measure about five and the smallest two lines in length: besides these are also some scattered tubercles or appendices on the middle of the back; while on each side are certain swellings larger than the rest, and which are caused by the projecting parts of the abdomen which is of much greater diameter than the back.

This animal is principally found about the coasts of the Mediterranean.